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## NEXT MEETING:

WHEN: JULY 14,1990

OUR NEXT TWO MEETINS

WHERE: SHERATON HOTEL, New Carrollton, Md.

Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association

COIN SHOW & CONVENTION

TIME: 11:00AM - 1:15PM

ROOM: Room 1011



# MEETING AFTER THE NEXT MEETING:

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 15, 1990

WHERE: BALTIMORE'S FESTIVE HALL

Suburban Washington/Baltimore Show

TIME: TBA

ROOM: TBA

# The President's Message

Bill Miller



Necently I took a giant leap into one of the last great frontiers for token collectors - I bought a metal detector. It was a move that I had long contemplated. There are many canneries here on the Eastern Shore from which there are no known tokens and probably the only way they will ever be found is if we dig them up.

The first time I went out with a friend we found four different cannery tokens! Three were known and one was an unlisted variety. An auspicious start, but I'm eager to find lots of new and unknown tokens. Hopefully, in the years to come there will be new tokens to report and stories to relate.

Our meeting this July will mark the end of an era. The Convention Center at the Sheraton Inn in New Carrollton is scheduled to be demolished. With it will go Md. TAMS' most frequent meeting place. Many of us have pleasent memories of times spent at the coin shows at the Sheraton. It may not have been the best place in the world but I will miss it.

The void being left by the Sheraton is currently being filled by the Baltimore Festival Hall and Convention Center. This hall will be the site of our September meeting. Please take advantage of the opportunity to join us and get involved in your hobby.

See you soon.

# From The Editor

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(WITH TONGUE IN CHEEK)



What with all the fuss being made about new coin designs or eliminating the penny ( the cent for you purists) and making dollar size coins functional.... I'm beginning to think that what we really need is "Radical Change". Now, I know that that is contrary to the present flow of conservatism which seems to be driving America these days... but by Radical Change I mean changes that are indeed radical!

How 'bout the government getting completely out of the coin making business. Blasphemy...you say... but give it some serious thought and cosider this scenario.

Let the free enterprize system take control of the minting process. Let our free market economy make the decisions. Let our coins arise from the needs of our capitalistic society!

Now we could exercise some controls by authorizing certain carefully selected corporate giants to issue tokens to meet the needs of the economy. If certain denominations are needed to satify the needs of the consumer (you & I), then they are minted until the demand is satisfied. Each organization could make its own designs and whatever denominations are in demand. Think of the varieties we would have... A.T&T would make tokens for telephones; Coca-Cola would make tokens to use in getting a soft drink out of a machine; Hollywood could make movie tokens; Hershey would make tokens for candy bars... and so on....

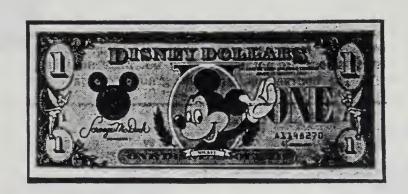
The Feds could still make the paper money. This may not be as far fetched as it seems. Isn't this what occurred during the hard times of 1837 and the Civil War? Millions of tokens evolved from capitalism and they satisfied an urgent need and look at the interesting array of varieties which collectors

are still scrambling to collect. Tokens made up the shortage and aren't todays coins really what Webster defines as Token Money....which is: money of regular government issue having a greater face value than intrinsic value.

Fundamentalists regard money as the hard core of legal tender which exists outside of banks. If you have your pay check deposited directly to a bank, then you are not really getting paid in money... but rather symbolic money which has the same purchasing power as real money. If you really want to confuse the issue we can introduce terms such as "active" money, "relatively active" money and "inactive money", but we shan't confuse the issue.

Anyway, wouldn't we token collectors have a ball... imagine the mad scramble to collect all the new tokens which would emerge....

I bought a coke the other day, It took 13 nickels! Wouldn't it be great to have a coke with the deposit of only one coin/token. Maybe I should take my tongue out of my cheek....



# Joe Clarke

1915 - 1990

On March 22,1990 the numismatic community lost a treasured colleague. Joseph A. Clarke was a long time numismatic force in the Washington, D.C.-Maryland area. Many local and regional numismatic organizations have experienced a void with the loss of this active member, colleague, collector-enthusiast, educator, club-worker and dear friend.

Joseph A. Clarke was a 1987 recipient of the American Numismatic Association's Medal of Merit. He shared this award with his wife Mae, along with the ANA Outstanding Club Representative Award in 1985. They also received the <a href="Numismatic News">Numismatic News</a>' Numismatic Ambassador Award in 1977. Joe was a member of the ANA since 1959. Joe and Mae were serving as ANA District Representatives for Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Joe started collecting at the age of 14 while working at the A & P Store on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. A man gave Joe a flying eagle cent and he was fascinated.. a fascination which lasted the rest of his life.

Joe and Mae regularly attended just about every club in the Washington, D.C. area... Mae always "tagged along" cause her main interests was stamps. Through the years, Joe became president of the Washington Numismatic Society, the Prince George's County Coin Club, and the Montgomery County Coin Club. Joe also co-chaired the ANA's 81st Convention held in Washington, D.C. Joe and Mae have held numerous offices in coin clubs and served as president of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association from 1982-1984.

A veteran of World War II, Joe served in the U.S. Navy and was active in his local church. He retired after 31 years with Thompson & Sealtest Dairies in 1980.

Joe was always interested in getting young people involved in the hobby and was noted for doing "little things" for people. He always had time for conversation, consultation, work or providing leadership. Joe had great charm which quietly left its influence on all that knew him. Thanks, Joe for wonderful memories.

# A.VERNON TAYLOR LITERARY AWARDS

1989

Greg Ruby, Chairman of the Literary Awards committee, announced the following awards for literary achievements appearing in the 1989 issues of the MD TAMS JOURNAL:

GREG RUBY and:



MILLARD HAJEK

## INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES:

FIRST PLACE: MILLARD W. HAJEK for:
"Bohemia Hall Token"

SECOND PLACE: RUSS SEARS for:
"Maryland at the Pan-Pacific Exposition"

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FIRST PLACE: WILL MUMFORD for:
"Checkin' fer Pickers"

SECOND PLACE: MILLARD W. HAJEK for:

"Token Potpourri"

THIRD PLACE: CURTIS H. JUDGE for:

"Book Review"

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners and THANKS to all who contributed to the 1989 MARYLAND TAMS JOURNAL.



BILL MILLER



CURTIS JUDGE

# TOKEN POTPOURRI....

# A LOOK AT INITIALS ON TOKENS

# MILLARD W.HAJEK LM#1

One of the most difficult areas that I have in trying to identify maverick tokens are the pickers checks and the canning and packing house tokens of Maryland. Many of these tokens only display the initials of the owner or the initials of the company. Some of the combinations of letters used can drive the attributor absolutely bananas when trying to identify the token. The secret, I'm told, is to chat with people in the area where the token was used. Often times workers or relatives of the owners of the company can supply you with valuable information to help you attribute the token.

Here are some random samples of tokens with initials or letters found in our "Maryland Merchant Tokens" catalog that I found very interesting. Why don't you look them over and let's hear from you on your favorites!!!



ELPEECO This token has been attributed to the LEEDS PACKING COMPANY located in Tunis Mills on Leeds Creek in the Northern part of Talbot County, circa 1918. Maybe, one of our Eastern Shore members of MD TAMS can help me out and provide the full description of all the letters on the token.



C.S.R&B. A nice assortment of letters which have been identified as CHARLES SAMUEL RALPH & BROTHER, a fruit and vegetable business in Vienna, Dorchester County.



S.B.P.C. INC. This token has been tentatively attributed to the SOUTH BALTIMORE PLEASURE CLUB, INC. which was located at 1102 Williams Street, Baltimore, Md. in the 1920's.

T.L.D.S.&CO. The cannery of T. L. DAY, SWING & CO. operated as a cannery in Ridgely, Caroline County, Maryland.

W.T.A.&S. WALTER T. ANDREWS & SON operated a cannery just South of Cambridge, Dorchester County in the 1930's.



D.E.F.&CO.We do not have a token with the letters ABC & CO listed but we do have a DEF & CO for the DAVID E. FOOTE & CO. on a token from his oyster packing business in Baltimore established in the early 1870's.



E.N.M.P.CO. These initials appear on a token that was issued by the EAST NEW MARKET PACKING COMPANY located in East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland.



**B.E.&N.CO.** The token bearing these letters was issued by the BALTIMORE ENAMEL & NOVELTY COMPANY which was located at the foot of Woodall Street in Baltimore during the early 1900's.



R.E.D.C.C. The R. ELMER DEAN CANNING COMPANY issued this token and was located in Salem, Dorchester County, Maryland



**UBV** One of the novel and interseting designs using initials appears on a token issued by the UNKEL BRAESIG VEREIN, a German singing Society formed in 1875.



**MWH**This just happens to be my favorite token with initials. I wonder why? MILTON W. HEATH was a fruit and vegetable packer in 1908 from Jesterville, Wicomico County. Later in the 1920's he operated a general store.

# LARGEST AND SMALLEST.....

Do you know that.....

The largest (and heaviest) Maryland token was issued by the UNION MINING COMPANY in Mount Savage, Allegany County, Maryland. The company went in business during the 1870's and was still operating in 1932. The "pay check" token is 50 mm in diameter with a 7 mm center hole and is 3 mm thick. Does anyone have a specimen in his collection so we can display a copy of it in the MD TAMS Journal?

The race for the smallest Maryland token was a real dog fight with the PRINGSHEIM/ONE WHITE and SCHUTZEN PARK/5 coming in tied for first with a diameter of 15 mm and beating out several candidates that measured 16 mm in diameter.





# MARYLAND encased coins





by Bill Miller

Leading our list this month is another pot-shaped encased coin from the Felser family of Baltimore. This encased cent, along with #92, a horseshoe-shaped encased cent, brings our Felser listings to six. Two of these are pots, two are fobs (the only listed Maryland fobs), one is round, and one is a horseshoe. The earliest date is 1918 and the latest date is 1937. It might be an interesting project for one of our Baltimore members to write an article about the history of this family's business.

By the way, the numbers of these Felser pieces are: MD-EC-6,12,13,15,89, and 92.

Here are our latest listings:

MD-EC-89 Obv: Felser Brothers/Reliable Footwear/3-Stores

(1928 1¢)/Baltimore

Rev: Go Way Back And/Sit Down/Pot Full Of Money/

(1928 1¢)/Keep Me And Never Be Caught Short

Shape: Pot, Alum.





MD-EC-89

(Also see MD-EC-5)

MD-EC-90 Obv: Rosenthal's/(1946 1¢)/300-306-312-314

N. Eutaw St.

Rev: KEEP ME and you will have GOOD LUCK/

(1946 1¢)

Shape: Round, Alum, 35mm.

MD-EC-91 Obv: FOX/Chevrolet Sales/(1948-D 1¢)/

2042 S. Hanover St./Baltimore, MD.

Rev: KEEP ME AND Never GO BROKE/(1948-D 1¢)

Shape: Round, Alum, 35mm.

MD-EC-92 Obv: Felser Brothers/Reliable Footwear/(1923 1¢)/

3 Stores/Baltimore

Rev. KEEP ME AND Never GO BROKE/(1923 1¢)/

GOOD LUCK

Shape: HS, Alum, 36x41mm, holed at top.









MD-EC-90

MD-EC-91





MD-EC-92



he pickers' checks of Anne Arundel County constitute the largest single series of Maryland tokens. There are well over 1,000 known varieties with close to 300 farmers known to have used the checks. Most of them were used on the old truck farms located in the northern half of the county where several thousand farmers provided fruits and vegetables for the Baltimore markets. Produce was also shipped as far north as Montreal and as far west as Denver. The county had a reputation for its fine vegetables and the world's finest strawberries and mellons! The Arab's familiar cry of "Annarandal" echoed through the streets of most major cities on the east coast and added a sure degree of credibility to the quality of his produce.

As the farms gave way to modern society, the tokens used to pay the pickers were tossed into wells and privies or sold for scrap metal. Many were sold to neighbors and tons of them went into barns, attics and basements where they sat for many years until in 1969, Ora Smith, who had grown up on a truck farm, had a cousin who donated over 100 pickers' checks to the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society. Among the tokens was a home made bracelet made from the brass checks. Ora fell in love with the bracelet and the idea of pickers' checks jewelry was born. She knew from her younger days that many farmers had used the picker checks, so she put out a call for members of the historical society to donate any pickers' checks they could locate to the society. The checks started rolling in from all corners of the county. Checks were found in attics, barns and basements. Some were still housed in their original containers. One family recalled dumping their old checks down the old well. A young lad was recruited to climb down the old well to see if he could recover them. He found over a thousand checks, badly corroded, but the brass checks were cleaned and many were used iewelry. The aluminium checks didn't fare as well and were TOL. XI NO. 'THOLE NO. 44 MD TAMS JOURNAL -

too far gone to be collectable. They were kept for inventory purposes. Another batch of over 200 checks were dug up from the old farm dump by treasure hunters using metal detectors.

The jewelry business was so good that Mrs.Smith expanded her products to include necklaces, earrings, key chains, tie tacks and scarf holders. For the next 20 years, the Smiths made jewelry out of well over 40,000 pickers' checks and sold about ten thousand more to collectors. In doing so, they have raised over \$40,000 for the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society. The jewelry is still for sale at the societies two Browse and Buy Shoppes in Severna Park and at the Benson - Hammond House at BWI Airport.

The number of tokens which were found stashed away on old farms was amazing. Some donations amounted to over 4000 tokens from a single farmer. Unfortunately accurate records of the donations were not maintained by Mrs. Smith, so we have no idea (except in a few cases) of how many tokens were donated from each farmer. Nor was a record kept of the various denominations. This, of course, has made our job a lot more difficult in tabulating the varieties of each farmer.

Tokens are still turning up! Over the past year at least 20 new farmers have been added to our lists. MD TAMS member, Jim Boswell, has been literally going door to door seeking more information. Talking to relatives he keeps turning up more tokens and lots of information. Many families are reluctant to give up their tokens as they are all that remain of their families involvements in the old days of truck farming. Who can blaim them - I, no doubt, would do the same.

Similar tokens were used in the canneries of both the Western and Eastern shores of Maryland. The farmers on the Eastern shore were inclined to use the small rectangular cardboard printed checks, which were printed in a rainbow of colors. Several issues of brass checks have been found in New York and New Jersey, but certainly not in the overwhelming abundance of the Anne Arundel checks. MD TAMS member, Gary Glise from Rochester, N.Y. has found a few similiar tokens in the New York area, but hasn't been able to find out anything about them. Ed Dence from Philadelphia has found some in the New Jersey area, but only a few. It was

such a good system it is hard to believe that it was not a common practice in all the early truck farming areas, which usually surrounded the large cities on the east coast (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Richmond). Perhaps in the other areas the tokens still lie dormat as no Ora Smith has come along to make jewelry of them. For surely, if she had not done so the Anne Arundel pickers' checks would still be hidden away in basements, attics and barns, and we would still be ignorant of the extent of their use. Token collectors don't usually like the idea of making jewelry of their treasures, but where would we be if she hadn't and besides what else are you going to do with 50,000 pickers' checks?



ORA AND JOHN SMITH MAKING JEWELRY FROM PICKERS' CHECKS

# 1990 ANNUAL MEETING "GIVE-AWAY"

# BY MILLARD W. HAJEK LM#1

Members and guests attending the MARYLAND TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY'S 11th Annual Heeting each received a genuine red leather token as a souvenir of the meeting. All members of the Society were sent a natural leather color token along with their Summer issue of the MD TAMS Journal. The tokens were attached to a flier which included a brief description of the token, it's trade value, an introduction to MD TAMS and an article titled "Leather Money Of The United States". The fliers were issued in two colors, pink with the red token attached and yellow for the natural colored token. Production of the leather tokens was limited to a total of 200 pieces; 50 in a red color and 150 in the natural leather color. Each piece is serially numbered on its reverse starting at 001 on the red tokens. The tokens were produced for MD TAMS by the Carl Wolf & Co. of Chicago, Illinois.

The token can be applied for its full face value of \$2.25 toward the purchase of books offered for sale by MD TAMS. The offer remains valid through September 30, 1990 but it is hoped that you keep this souvenir token as a memento of the meeting and add it to your exonumia collection.



This "Give-Away" continues the practice that was established at the MD TAMS First Annual Meeting of issuing an exonumia souvenir piece to commemorate the annual meeting event.

Millard W. Hajek 1990 Chairman "Give-Away" Committee

# "GIVE-AWAY" BY THE HAJEKS

By Millard W. Hajek LM#1

To welcome members and guests to the MD TAMS Annual Meeting, Dot and Mill Hajek presented each attendee to the session an elongated quarter. The elongated featured as its main motif, the Maryland State flag which was hand painted in four colors; red, white, black and yellow enamel. The Board Of Directors and past presidents were presented the elongate in badge form with the ribbon in black and yellow colors. It is hoped that this novelty will stimulate other members to issue a souvenir piece at some future MD TAMS Annual Meeting.

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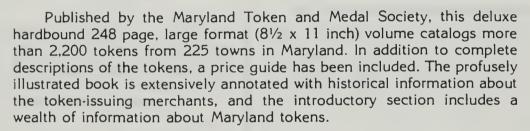
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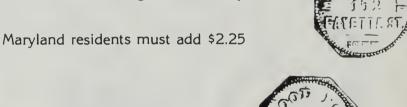
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